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POW/MIA Remembrance Day

Mechanicsburg

By J.C. Coble

Korea is said to be the "Land of the Morning Song"

To many American service men and women who served their country during the 1950's, Korea turned out to be a place both strangely beautiful and intensely terrifying. This year marks the 50th Anniversary of the beginning of the 1950 through 1953 Korean War.

Mechanicsburg Defense Activities workers came together Sept. 14 once again to recognize the importance of the Prisoner of War/Missing in Action (POW/MIA) issues.

After opening remarks provided by NAVSUP Chief, RADM Keith W. Lippert, the solemn crowd gathered for the annual POW/MIA Remembrance Day program, could only speculate on what Korean War Veterans had been asked to experience.

Guest Speaker, Robin S. Mayberry provided historical insight, not only on the Korean War, but interesting background information of her own personal POW/MIA experience.

Mayberry's uncle, Sgt. William C. Mayberry, U.S. Army, continues to be listed as a Korean War POW/MIA. Robin detailed her family's recollections and fond memories of the special

Philadelphia

By Margaret Kenyon-Ely

"War. You only have to be in it for one day to realize how lucky you are to be in the United States." -

***Deacon Steven Hopkins,
Korean War POW***

The powerful message of Deacon Steven Hopkins, a Korean War Prisoner-of-War (POW), was not lost on the standing room-only, packed crowd who attended the Naval Support Activity (NSA) Philadelphia compound's annual POW/MIA Remembrance Ceremony on Sept. 19.

"There were many of us who wanted to do the right thing but many who couldn't take the pressure. Day-dreaming – especially about good ole home cooking – helped me get by," said the event's keynote speaker, Deacon Steven Hopkins.

Deacon Hopkins began serving in the U.S. Army at the age of 19 and landed in Korea in September 1950. He was held prisoner for two-and-a-half years.

Rear Admiral Michael Finley, Commander, Naval Inventory Control Point (NAVICP), in his opening remarks also spoke of the sacrifices

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ERP... What is it all about

Enterprise Resource Planning / Advanced Planning and Scheduling System

by Matthew Cooley

Ever wonder where some of your co-workers have been for the past couple of months? Perhaps you have heard talk about some mysterious ERP project, but you haven't the slightest idea what it is all about. And who are these people wearing T-shirts that say "SMART"? What is going on at the NAVICP?

Truth be told, once fully implemented, ERP will be nothing short of a revolution in the way we do our jobs! Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP) is the focus of a pilot program recently undertaken by the Navy. Together with the Advanced Planning and Scheduling System pilot effort (APS), its goals are far-reaching and comprehensive.

According to the NAVSUP Program Office, which co-sponsors the project along with NAVAIR, ERP/APS seek to standardize and create interface capa-

bilities between the forecasting, planning, ordering, inventory management, and financial areas.

A successful pilot will result in a single integrated business architecture which will lower total ownership costs by providing consistent and timely data that streamlines operations, promotes effective decision making, and increases fleet readiness.

ERP is more about processes and people than technology. The goal is to do more than just install a new software package. It is to reengineer business processes, optimize the supply chain, and increase overall flexibility.

In building four on the Philadelphia compound there are 40 people working on the project, representing both NAVICP and consultants from the software companies hired to help develop the pilot program.

They are the core members of the pilot's Supply Chain, APS, and Finance teams. Together with personnel at NAVICP Mechanicsburg and with other teams, such as Maintenance (primarily located in Norfolk), they collectively form the pilot's team Supply Maintenance Aviation Reengineering Team (SMART).

The total SMART team consists of about 300 personnel at several Navy locations.

Two NAVICP weapons programs have been chosen as the pilot systems for ERP/APS – the E-2C Hawkeye and the LM-2500 Gas Turbine Engine. The pilot will focus on supply, financial, and maintenance functions associated with these programs. If all goes as well as expected with this cutting edge venture, other weapons programs will also come online, thereby greatly enhancing the entire Navy supply system.

Timelines for the pilot, which kicked off in September, are seven months for implementation of APS forecasting and planning systems, and 12 months to prepare for go-live testing of the ERP systems for material management, procurement, and finance.

In order to provide education and sustain interest in ERP, APS, and SMART, this newsletter will report on the progress of the project over the next several months.

All are encouraged to keep an eye toward its development – it is very likely to have a profound impact on everyone at NAVICP in the years to come.★

RADM Lippert, visits NAVICP - Philadelphia, ERP's location site in building four of the International Programs directorate (OF).



A-6 Intruder added to Philly static display

By Margaret Kenyon-Ely

An A-6 Intruder with an interesting service life arrived at the Naval Inventory Control Point (NAVICP)-Philadelphia in early September 2000, joining an F-14 Tomcat that was set up as a static display within the past year.

"This was much less of an ordeal, and this was not a 'local effort.' We had the pros do it this time because of the extra fun we had moving and assembling the F-14 ourselves. The A-6 is quite a formidable aircraft," said CAPT Mark D. Harnitchek, NAVICP-P Operations Director, citing the instrumental role played by LCDR Pat McClanahan, 03313 Branch Head.

It took about a year for the A-6 static display to become a reality, according to LCDR McClanahan, who emphasized that CAPT Harnitchek, NAVICP-P Stricken Aircraft Program Manager Anthony Mazzone, security, public works, and a private contractor, Worldwide Aircraft Recovery, were key to the project's success.

"We are researching the paint scheme right now and should have it completed soon," said LCDR McClanahan.

Throughout its 24-year career starting in 1970, this particular A-6 has undoubtedly seen many paint changes. Among the squadrons in which it served include: "Blue Blasters" (VA-



The "A-6 Intruder" stationed outside the NAVICP in Philadelphia.

34), "Green Pawns" (VA-42), "Flying Tigers" (VA-65), "Golden Intruders" (VA-128), "Boomers" (VA-165), "Thunderbolts" (VA-176), and "Main Battery" (VA-196).

As a member of the Flying Tigers, this A-6 participated in Operation Desert Storm in January and February 1991 aboard the USS *Theodore Roosevelt* (CVN 71). During the conflict, the squadron boasted striking 22 Iraqi naval vessels. In April and May 1991, it took part in Operation Provide Comfort, flying in support of the 24th Marine Expeditionary Unit's mission to aid the Kurdish refugees.

Early in its career, the A-6 while in the Thunderbolts was positioned in the Eastern Mediterranean Sea on the USS *Franklin D. Roosevelt* (CVA 42) in response to the Arab-Israeli War in Oct and November 1973.

And in 1979, while in the Main Battery squadron, the A-6 operated aboard the USS *Coral Sea* (CV 43) off the South Korean coast following civil unrest in that country.

After being retired in 1994, the A-6 was sent to Davis-Monthan Air Force Base in Arizona until NAVICP selected it to become a part of its aircraft static display this year.

In total, the A-6 had 6,961 flight hours, 1,754 arrested landings and 1,726 catapult shots during its service life.

No decision has been made whether or not to pursue obtaining additional aircraft, said CAPT Harnitchek. ☛



Cadet Jonathan Gutierrez, Carson-Long Military Academy

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uncle who served proudly as a Combat Medic with the U.S. Army's 2nd Infantry Division.

Mayberry concluded her patriotic presentation by challenging the standing room only audience with the task of learning more about the Korean War period of American History, and passing on the information to America's school children.

While Master of Ceremonies Jim McDermott explained the meaning and tradition of the POW/MIA vacant table tribute, the Vietnam Veteran Motorcycle Club served as escorts for the Honorary Guests.

Rufus Geesaman, NAVICP-M, provided a stirring rendition of the National Anthem, and State VFW Color Guard, Post 6701, performed honor guard and firing squad duties Cadet Bugler, Jonathan Gutierrez, Carson-Long Military Academy, concluding the program with the mournful play of "Taps."

America will never forget the many sacrifices made by her service members. ★

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made by POWs and those missing-in-action as well as by their loved ones.

"No one enters military service expecting to be a POW. The ordeal of a POW is never easy. They endure immense suffering," said RADM Finley, who also noted that the U.S. government is "fully committed" to the fullest accounting of POWs and MIAs and that "we are slowly moving toward the goal of 'keeping the promise.'"

A small arms display, provided by Vietnam Veterans of America (VVA) also sparked the attendees' interest.

Other highlights of the ceremony included: United Veterans Council, Commander Siegfried Honig conducting the "Missing Man Table and Honors Ceremony" with assistance from the Frankford High School JROTC; Tom Del Moore, HRO, rendering of the "National Anthem;" Bob Goodman, FMSO, playing "Taps;" Gerry Ney providing the Invocation and Benediction; and Kathy Johns, Philadelphia Compound Veterans Committee, serving as emcee. ★



Former Korean War POW, Deacon Steve Hopkins; NAVICP Commander, RADM Michael Finley; United Veterans Council Commander, Siegfried Honig; and NSA-Phila. Compound Veterans Committee member, Gerry Ney, stand at attention during the site's annual POW/MIA Remembrance Ceremony on Sept. 19.



The Gold Star Mothers are among the honored guest attending the Sept. 19 POW/MIA Remembrance Ceremony on the NSA-Phila. Base.



Mr. Gary J. Siefert, dressed up in an 18th century parade uniform, of the U.S. 3rd Regiment Infantry.

Multicultural Day

Defense Activities-Mechanicsburg

By J.C. Coble

With a beautiful day complete with sun, and mild late summer breezes, the Mechanicsburg Defense Activities kicked off its 4th Annual Multicultural Day Celebration, Wednesday, Sept. 13, 2000.

Displaying a multitude of specialty vendors and food booths, the popular event proved again to have something for everyone. As base workers and their families came together to foster cultural awareness and appreciation of our unique differences, country line dancers provided instructional entertainment. Free lessons were available for all courageous enough to step up to the stage.

Basking in the fine weather, base employees strolled along lengthy rows of booths displaying local cultural artifacts and crafts. The noontime event found the participants enjoying a wide selection of food items supplied by ALMECH BIG, the Saint Moritz Res-

taurant, Auckland's Baked Goods and Bricker's Famous French Fries.

Bargains were soon discovered in the many diverse offerings. Individuals found they could choose between a huge array of homemade jewelry, cultural paintings, arts and crafts, dolls, cosmetics and figurines.

Workshops were also available with Ann Van Dyke, of the Harrisburg Hu-

man Relations Commission, and Vera Cournish, representing Harrisburg Community College providing Diversity Seminars.

The day was another display of the many cultural common threads that bind together the NAVICP workforce and enhances the workplace for us all. It was a fun learning experience for all that attended. ★



Multicultural Festival 2000

Naval Support Activity, Philadelphia

*By Christina M. DiMemmo,
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Wednesday, Sept. 27, marked the Naval Support Activity (NSA), Philadelphia, Multicultural Festival 2000. Employees from various organizations on the Compound were able to take part in the daylong event.

The festival is held annually to celebrate the diversity of the federal workforce and was planned through the NAVICP-Philadelphia and Defense Supply Center, Philadelphia (DSCP), Equal Employment Opportunity (EEO) office.

Festivities included five cultural village displays representing: African Americans, Asian Pacific Islanders, Europeans, Hispanics and Native Americans. The cultural villages are an extension of the year-round emphasis programs facilitated by the NAVICP and DSCP equal employment offices. The villages brought the sights, sounds and smells of their respective heritages to Philadelphia.

Displays included music, artwork, food and interactive translating games. Diverse collections of food vendors were also on hand to supply enough international cuisine to whet the appetite of any cosmopolitan.

Live entertainment included everything from Korean folk dance to the African American finale of a conga performance.

A big thanks goes out to all of the Compound employees who made the event a success. 🌟



RADM Finley presents Juan Ramos with award.





NAVICP-P Employee Appreciation Day

By Saulo Pena

It was such a pleasant surprise to wake up on the day of the Employees Appreciation Picnic and feel the warmth of the sun after two days of near torrential rains.

This particular picnic bore the promise of fun, food, laughter and games for the nearly 1,500 employees that ambled down the traffic filled road leading to the pavilion.

“Surfing Out of Summer” was the revised theme of this year’s picnic, which employees noted had been rescheduled twice.

But, at-long-last, the day was at hand and what a day it was! There were five different food vendors offering a variety of delectable edibles from sandwiches and pizza to Chinese and funnel cakes.

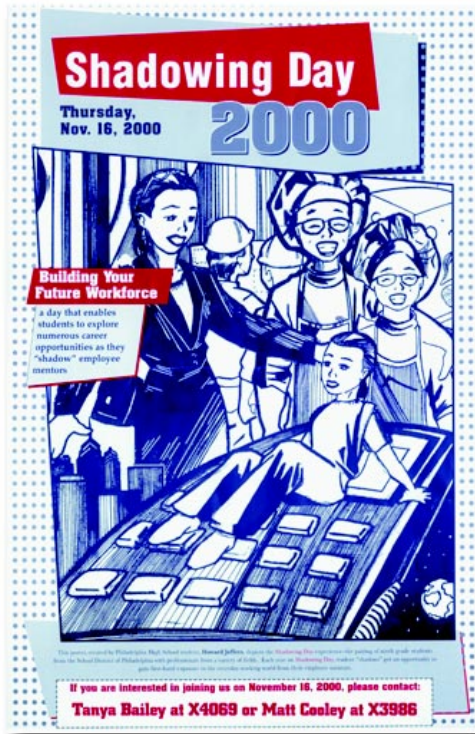


The lion’s share of the entertainment was provided by the Director’s Cup Competition. Events voted most fun to watch might have been the “Obstacle Course” and “Pie Eating Contest.”

The real live genuine “Gypsy Tarot Card” reader was a big hit, and so was the DJ at the Pavilion, who had everyone doing the Limbo Rock, smashing piñatas or doing the hula-hoop.

Softball and volleyball drew nice crowds also. The day ended around 5 p.m., at which time the die-hard patrons drifted to the O’ Club and enjoyed dancing provided by another DJ until eight that evening. ☼





Shadowing Day Approaches at NAVICP - Philadelphia

The EEO Advisory Committee is extending invitations to all NAVICP employees to participate as mentors. Whether you have volunteered in past years or not, your participation this year is greatly desired.

Because we must limit the number of students to however many mentors who sign up, each year some students must be turned away. It is for this reason that we hope to have many more volunteers than years past.

By *Matthew Cooley*

Shadowing Day 2000 is quickly approaching. Mark your calendars for Thursday, Nov. 16. That is the day when more than 100 local students – all ninth graders – visit NAVICP Philadelphia for the day.

Each student will be paired with a NAVICP employee in order for that child to get a sense of what we do here and what working for a living is all about. This allows students to better relate their schoolwork to real life. It answers the proverbial adolescent question, “Why do I have to learn all of this stuff anyway?”

The Philadelphia School District and various other non-profit groups coordinate Shadowing Day citywide. In addition, several other corporate sponsors support this worthwhile effort that helps thousands of local kids.

Here at NAVICP, members of the Command Equal Employment Opportunity Advisory Committee, have been

the primary coordinators for the seven years that *Shadowing Day* has existed.

NAVICP mentors of years past have expressed genuine satisfaction at their contribution to the community in which they work. Of her experience as a mentor, Joy Bonfini, a Logistics Manager in the Engine Branch said, “It was truly a rewarding experience to gain insight into the minds of our future leaders.”

The students, too, greatly appreciate coming here. What might start as a way of getting out of class for a day, actually ends up being a very educational experience for these impressionable youths. Ninth grade, according to experts, is a pivotal year for students.

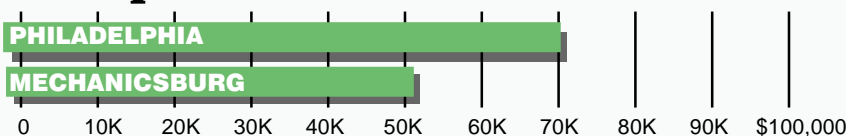
It is at this point where they usually decide to either dedicate themselves to academic achievement or to retreat with indifference. *Shadowing Day* does wonders for ensuring that students make the former choice and avoid the latter. ☛

Contact *Matthew Cooley* or *Tanya Bailey*, via ccMail if you wish to participate as a mentor.

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Myers NAVICP-P receives MCS Award



RADM Michael Finley presented the Navy Meritorious Civilian Service Award to Joyce Myers for more than 35 years of exemplary service as secretary to the contracting director and deputy.

During nearly 37 years of federal service, Myers has supported 17 military directors and five civilian deputies.

Described as an “institution within the Command,” Myers was highly regarded as a trusted advisor as well as a mentor to the entire acquisition staff.

Her vast knowledge of personnel management and the administrative aspects of contracting operations played key roles in the success of the Code 02 directorate over the years. ★

BRAVO Zulus...

Curtis Searl, Jr., Tom Marks, CDR Stephen Migliore, Carolyn Riemer, Tamela Kozior, Lisa Price, CDR Gary Murphy, LCDR David Hoyt, Doug Nevins, CDR Thomas Wiechelt, Ed Cohen and Tina Piotrowski for their roles of being members of the NAVICP ALR-67(v)(3) Radar Warning System Performance Based Logistics Team.

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Brenda Hinson for her accomplishment on being nominated as the Department of the Navy's Outstanding Employee with Disabilities Program 2000.

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